

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: James and Mary Lou Raley House Inventory Number: SM-560  
Address: 22690 Johnson Lane Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Leonardtown Zip Code: 20650 County: Saint Marys  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Leonardtown  
Property Owner: George and Susan Ericksen Tax Account ID Number: 020681  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 459 Tax Map Number: 133  
Project: MD 5 Business within Leonardtown Town Limits Streetscape Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Preparer's Name: Anne Bruder and Stacey Streett Date Prepared: 01/03/2006  
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Survey Form SM-560 and Project and Review Compliance Files  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Note: Please refer to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form SM-560 for specific information regarding the architecture and historic context.

The James and Mary Lou Raley House was constructed between the years of 1930-1940. It is a symmetrical, two-story, side-gable, Colonial Revival-style building that faces the north side of Fenwick Street, but is located on the east side of Johnson Lane. The building is heavily altered and no longer conveys its original design. In December 2005, a two-story, one-bay-wide addition was constructed on the west side of the house. The addition does not harmonize with the original building, as it features a small cross gable on the south elevation. The north elevation also contains a one-story addition. The original design of the residence is three bays wide by two rooms deep. The original full-width, first-story, hipped-roof porch on the façade (south elevation) has been fully enclosed. The main entrance is located on the west side of the porch.

The exterior is clad in aluminum siding and replacement windows have been installed on the building. Three, six-over-one, double-hung, sash windows pierce the second story of the façade above the porch. Louvered shutters flank the windows. Six-over-one arrangements are located on the gable ends, but are irregularly spaced. Smaller configurations of this type of window are located

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MHT Comments:

Ann J. Anderson  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/23/06

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Reviewer, National Register Program

3/27/06

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James and Mary Lou Raley House

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on the recent addition to the building.

Asphalt shingles cover the roofs. The roof has a wide eaves overhang and boxed cornice. An exterior brick chimney is located on east gable.

The property is bordered by mature deciduous trees. A driveway extends across the front of the parcel. The Jones House (SM-547) is located to the east and the Johnson House and Store (SM-556) is located to west. The historic boundary is confined to St. Mary's County tax parcel 459 on tax map 133.

#### History

Stanley and Ida Johnson purchased a 12-acre tract of land called "Orchard" on the north side of Fenwick Street in 1919. Following their purchase they subdivided and sold tracts of their land to family members, who then constructed dwellings on the land. This demonstrates the desire for relatives to remain close to one another.

#### Significance

Based on the information in the 1997 MIHP Form and SHA's field visit, the The James and Mary Lou Raley House is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C (architecture). The Colonial Revival-style building has been severely compromised by alterations and additions. The front porch has been fully enclosed, fenestration has been replaced and the original cladding has been covered over in aluminum siding. As a result, the integrity of design, materials, workmanship and feeling has been compromised. Research conducted did not identify events or persons of local, state or national importance associated with the James and Mary Lou Raley House. Therefore the James and Mary Lou Raley House is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of the historic standing structures study.

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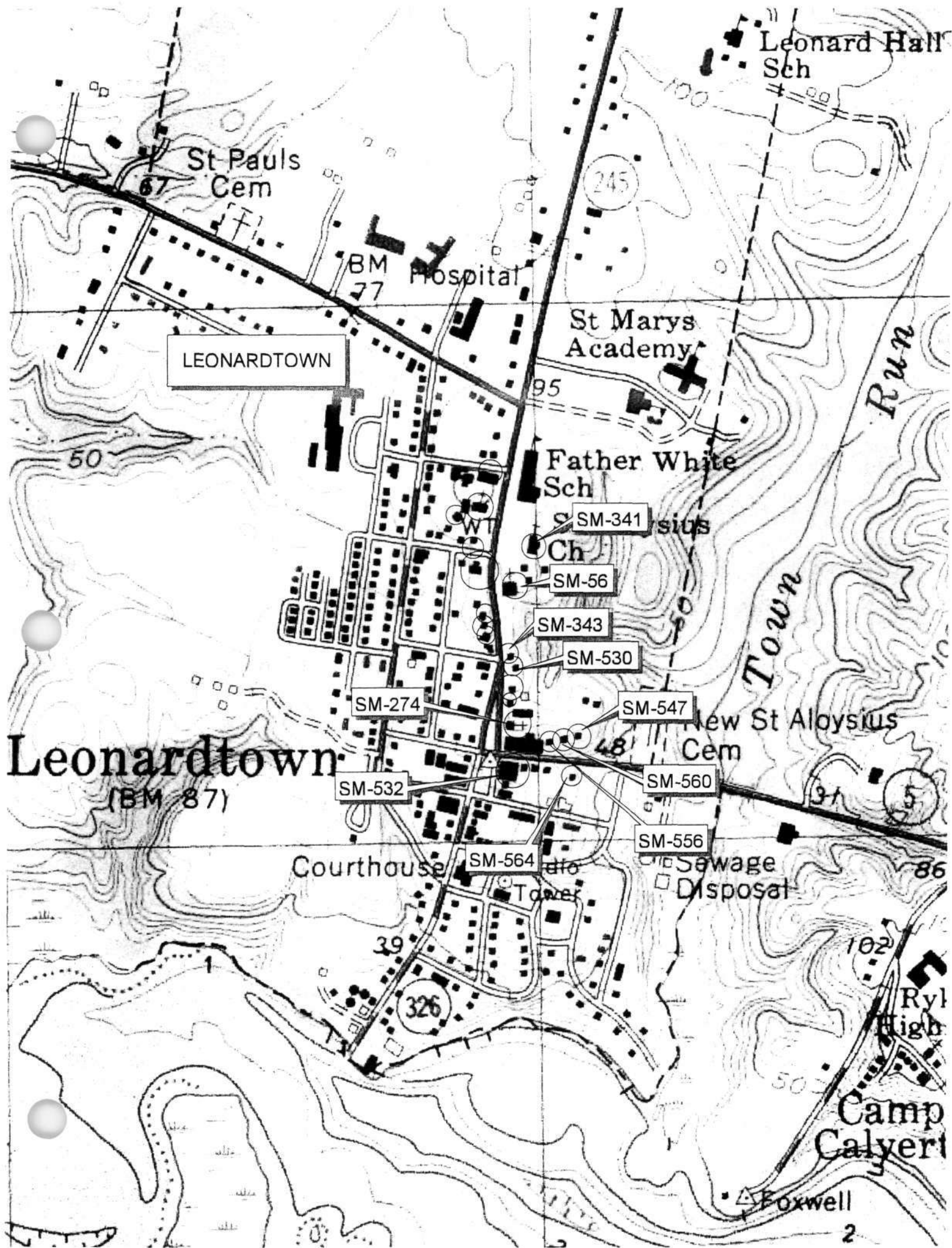
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Capsule Summary  
SM-560  
Raley House  
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Private

1930-1940

On January 8, 1919 Stanley and Ida Johnson purchased a twelve acre tract called "Orchard" on the north side of Fenwick Street in Leonardtown, Maryland. Soon after the transaction the Johnson's built a two story, combination house and store with a hip roof (SM-556) and then sold a 1.08 acre subdivided parcel to Stephen and Mildred Jones on March 3, 1920 who eventually erected a one-and-a-half story, craftsman-style bungalow (SM-547). A third house was built between the Johnson and Jones houses in the 1930s-1940s by the Johnson family for their adopted daughter Mary Lou and her husband James M. Raley. In the context of these two neighboring houses, the Raley dwelling illustrated not only the wide variety of house types open to Leonardtown's residents in the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s but also the repetition of some of these forms. The Raley house, for instance, resembles the Thrift House (SM-533) located at the southwest corner of Lawrence Avenue and Washington Street in Leonardtown.

As one of three neighboring homes built by three inter-related families, the Raley house demonstrates the desire for families and relatives to live in close proximity to one another. These family-oriented subdivisions represent an important tradition still practiced throughout St. Mary's County. The house, therefore, contributes to the overall understanding of how the "Orchard" property developed over time, illustrates the important role family associations play in the built environment, and finally represents a good example of the house type. While the house has been sheathed with aluminum siding, it retains much of its original architectural fabric.

SM-560, Raley House

St. Mary's County

Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern, 1930-

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture

Resource Type

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Town

Historic Function and Use:

Residence

Known Design Source:

None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-560

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Raley House

and/or common

## 2. Location

N side of Fenwick Street just E of the intersection of Fenwick and Washington Streets

street & number

☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 3

state Maryland

county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

### Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

### Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

### Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

### Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

### Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

### Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George A. and Susan Ericksen

street & number PO Box 1058

telephone no.: (301) 475-2667

city, town Leonardtown

state and zip code Md 20650

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

liber EWA 733

street & number

folio 83

city, town Leonardtown

state Md

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state



## 7. Description

Survey No. SM-560

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The James and Mary Lou Raley house is located on the north side of Fenwick Street just east of the intersection of Washington and Fenwick Streets in Leonardtown, Maryland. The house is approached by a dirt road that passes perpendicular to the north-south orientation of the house. Closely bordered by the Jones house (SM-547) to the east and the Johnson House and Store (SM-556) to the west, the house is bounded on the south by the dirt road and to the north by a small yard. The dwelling is situated atop a small rise that overlooks Fenwick Street while the property descends to the north.

Constructed in the 1930s-1940s, the Raley House is a frame, two story, house with an exterior end chimney and gable roof. The entire house rests on a masonry foundation while the walls are sheathed with aluminum siding. The front (south) porch roof as well as main roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The primary (south) elevation is distinguished on the first floor by a screened-in porch supported by a series of four plain, square posts or columns. The entire porch, with the exception of the entrance, is bounded by a balustrade composed of square balusters with a top and bottom rail. Shaded by the porch are a group of three, six-over-one, double-hung sash windows and a glass pane door flanked by sidelights that extend the full length of door. The second floor, however, is composed of three, symmetrically placed six-over-one windows--each window with a pair of functional louvered shutters. At the juncture of the roof and walls is an enclosed cornice.

Other distinctive features on the dwelling include a one-story addition on the north elevation and the asymmetrical placement of windows on both gable ends. Most of these windows are also six-over-one sash.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-560

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates****Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

On January 8, 1919 Stanley and Ida Johnson purchased a twelve acre tract called "Orchard" on the north side of Fenwick Street in Leonardtown, Maryland. Soon after the transaction the Johnson's built a two story, combination house and store with a hip roof (SM-556) and then sold a 1.08 acre subdivided parcel to Stephen and Mildred Jones on March 3, 1920. The Jones family followed suit by building a one-and-a-half story, craftsman-style bungalow (SM-547). A third house was built in the 1930s-1940s by the Johnson family for their adopted daughter Mary Lou and her husband James M. Raley. While this two story, frame house resembled the Thrift House (SM-533) in overall form, the Raley dwelling illustrates the full variety of house types open to Leonardtown's residents in the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s. As one of three homes built by three inter-related families, the house also demonstrates the desire for families and relatives to live in close proximity to one another—in effect creating family-oriented subdivisions.

The house retains much of its original architectural fabric including its window sash, fenestration chimney stack, and overall form. While the house has been covered with aluminum siding, the siding does not greatly diminish its historic appearance.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-560

Interview with Ed Stokel. February 1997.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20,909 sq ft

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning

date February 1997

street & number 22740 Washington Street

telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
OWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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SM-560, Raley House  
St. Mary's County  
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 733, Folio 83

Grantee: George A. and Susan H. Erichsen

Grantor: Gregory James Russell

Date: November 24, 1992

Notes: The Erichsen's purchased the property for \$132,000.

Reference: Liber MRB 511, Folio 239

Grantee: Gregory James Russell

Grantor: Denise Noel St. Clair

Date: December 14, 1989

Reference: Liber MRB 437, Folio 69

Grantee: Denise Noel St. Clair and Gregory James Russell

Grantor: James M. and Mary Lou Raley

Date: October 13, 1988

Reference: Liber DBK 198, Folio 113

Grantee: James M. and Mary Lou Raley

Grantor: William Aleck Loker and Robert E. Wigginton

Date: September 26, 1973

Notes: According to Ed Stokel, Mary Lou's parents Stanley and Ida Johnson erected the house in the early 1940s.

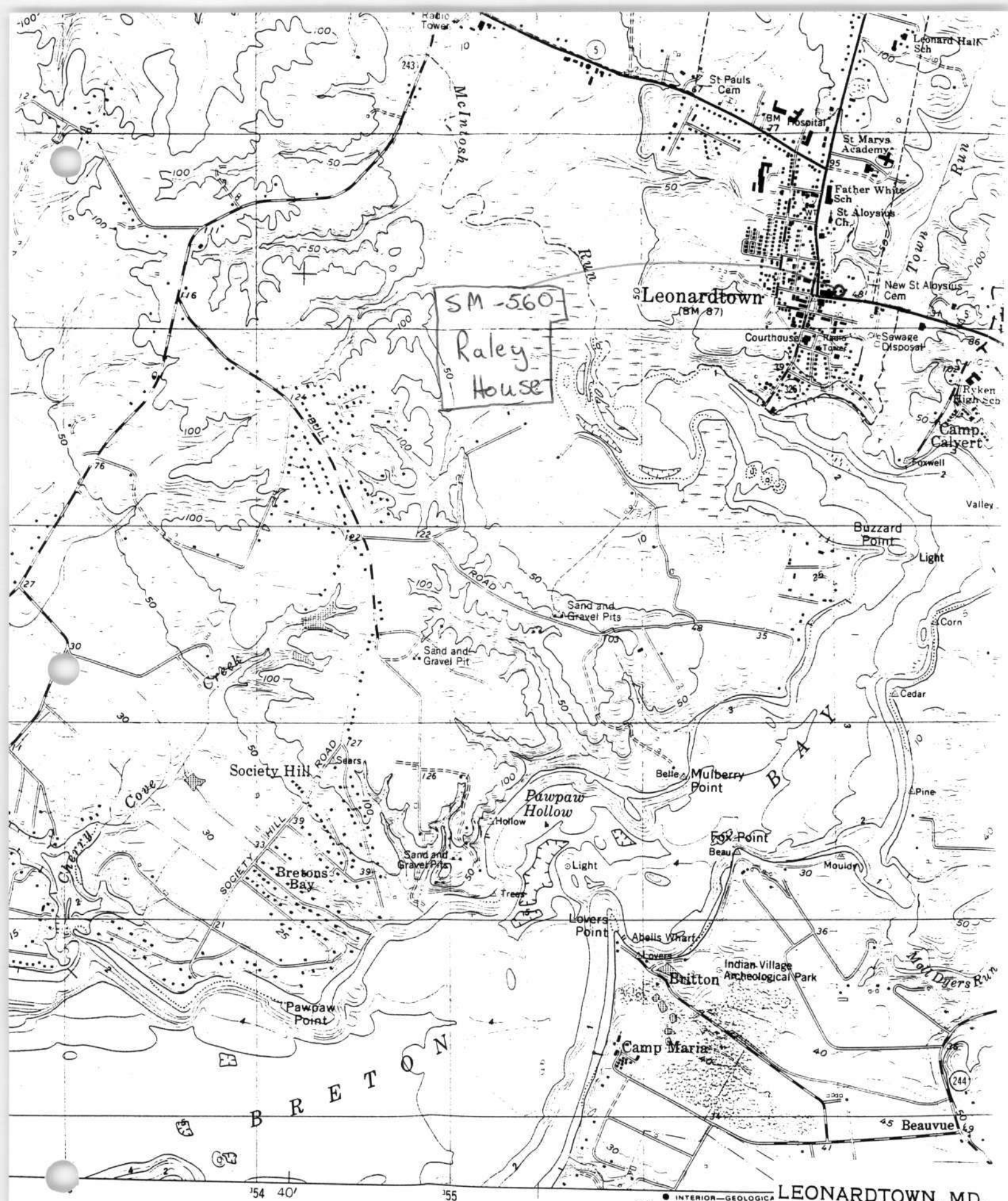
Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 456

Grantee: I. Stanley and Ida F. Johnson

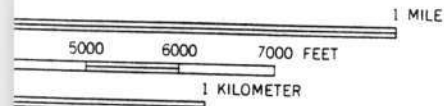
Grantor: Mattie Maddox Key, et al

Date: January 8, 1919

Notes: The Johnson's purchase 12 acres called the "Orchard." The house, however, was not erected until the early-1940s.



LEONARDTOWN, MD.  
SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
38076-C6-TB-024



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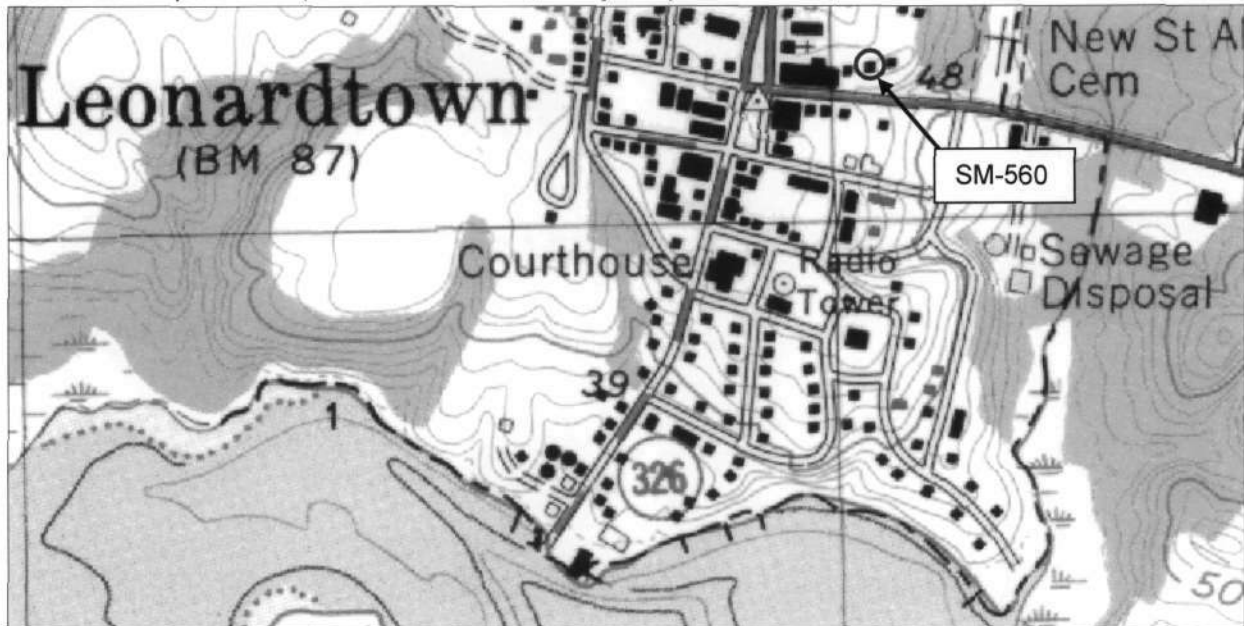


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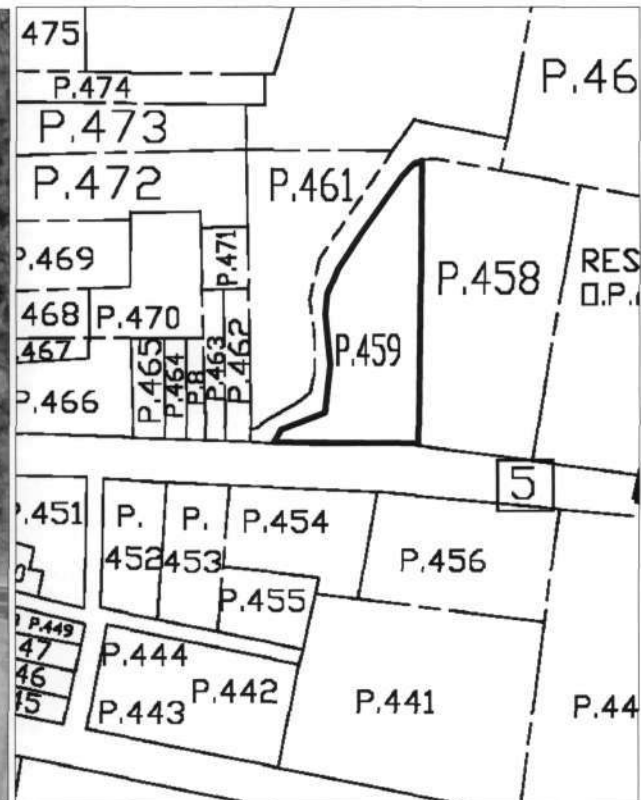
22690 Johnson Lane, Leonardtown

Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,  
c. 2007-08

Tax Map 133, P. 459







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St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

Dec 1996

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S + W elevations

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